

FEARERS ARE INDEX TO GIRLS' SELLING POWER

Department Store Employers Find Certain Types Prove Most Effective.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Hands and feet make successful clerks. A blonde girl with light, fluffy hair can sell powders and rouge where a brunette would fail. A pretty hand, well manicured, makes shoppers buy neckwear. A beautiful hairdress looks best behind the jewelry counter.

These are some of the pointers that employers in big department stores have discovered make for good business and successful salesmanship.

Department stores that sell everything from sheetings to wash boilers have developed a science in hiring girls to sell their merchandise and in picking the right girls to sell the right thing.

Vamps Not Wanted.

The too pretty girl does not make the best shop girl. Her mind is on her face rather than on her customer.

From early morning until late afternoon there is a constant line at the employment offices of the big stores of girls who would be clerks. The employment heads say that they have selected so many girls and tried so many experiments that they can judge an applicant up as she walks into the office and she is hired or rejected before she opens her mouth.

All stores agree that the first requisites are neatness and a pleasing personality. As to the rest of the attributes, the different managers are of different opinions.

One manager said he looked first at a girl's hands. "Poorly kept hands make a careless stockkeeper," he claimed. "I never take a girl with dirty nails."

Another prominent store pays special attention to a girl's feet. If she applies for work in fancy lace stockings and satin pumps she is turned down before she gets a chance to tell her story. "She has no sense of values or she would not apply for work in such footwear." Another manager holds georgette blouses are an especial abomination.

Founded on Experience.

These dislikes are not personal prejudices based on pet aversions. They are the result of long experience in choosing the right sort of girls to manage the relations between the store and the customer. There is a record kept from month to month of the sales made by different clerks.

After a girl is hired, she is assigned to the department where she will fit best. Blondes are given values or she would not apply for work in such footwear." Another manager holds georgette blouses are an especial abomination.

Girls with pretty hair can sell jewelry better than the limp-haired sisters fail. As this department is generally located near the front entrance, attractive clerks are chosen for this vantage point as a lure.

ALLIED BREACH ON GERMANY WIDENS

France Opposes Moratorium Plan More Than Ever—Worse Rupture Threatens.

By Universal Service.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—After the first unofficial meeting of the reparations commission following the return of some of its members from Berlin, the Anglo-French conflict has become wider.

The English, supported by the Italians, are still insisting that Germany can pay no more at the present time, making it plain that a moratorium must be granted.

The French seem more opposed to a moratorium than ever. The Belgian diplomats, arbiters of the situation, are striving to effect a compromise and are still hopeful that they will be able to prevent a rupture.

Tobacco King's Son Is Hurt in Auto Crash

SOUTHAMPTON, Pa., Aug. 26.—Angier Duke, said to be the son of the tobacco king, sustained cuts about the face and spine when his Rolls-Royce automobile, which he was driving, skidded into a telegraph pole in G. lane at this place. The telegraph pole was broken off by the impact.

The accident occurred opposite the Southampton coast guard station. Dr. Joseph S. Wheelwright treated Mr. Duke, who was taken to the Southampton hospital. It is expected he will be able to leave the hospital in three days.

Mr. Duke had just left the cottage on the dunes which he leased for the summer.

Burning Gasoline Tank Blocks Lincoln Highway

HUNTINGTON, Pa., Aug. 26.—Seven hundred and twenty gallons of gasoline, property of the Atlantic Refining Company, being conveyed by motortruck to rural centers, took fire today, it is believed, from a spark from a backfire and communicated to a leak in the gas tank. The truck and contents were consumed with a loss of \$5,000. The driver escaped injury. The accident occurred on the Lincoln Highway south of Huntington and blocked traffic for a considerable time.

Hundred Men at Work Junking 400,000 Shells

PENNINGTON, Va., Aug. 26.—About one hundred men, white and colored, are engaged at Pennington now in salvaging about 400,000 shells which were sold to a private firm by the Government. The metal in the shells will be junked and used for other purposes. The Government also has thousands of large shells, some of which are still good but most of them are said to be fit only for the junk pile.

Urges \$25,000 Memorial For Wm. McKinley

THE first steps toward the erection of a suitable national monument to perpetuate the life and public service and achievements of McKinley, the martyred President, were taken in the House yesterday by Congressman Himes, Republican, of Ohio.

A bill introduced by him provides for appointment of a commission to secure plans and designs for a national memorial, and appropriates \$25,000.

Himes represents the Canton district, the home of McKinley.

INDIAN REBEL DIES AFTER 90-DAYS FAST

Prisoner Refuses Food When Sacred Thread Is Taken from Him.

Hunger strikes by Nationalist prisoners in India have become common as a method of protest against jail conditions, but the most unusual case, according to information received here by the American Commission to Promote Self-government in India, was that of a Brahman who recently died after a hunger strike of ninety days. That exceeds by eighteen days the celebrated fast of the late Lord Mayor MacSwiney, of Cork, which attracted world-wide interest.

The Indian, whose hunger strike has aroused indignation among the Nationalists of India, was Pandit Ramakrishna, who was convicted of participation in the Burma conspiracy case and sentenced to the penal colony on the Andaman Islands.

"When Pandit Ramakrishna arrived at Port Blair," says a statement issued by the American commission, "British officials ordered him to remove his yagnopavit (the sacred thread worn by Brahmins, much as the scapula is worn by Roman Catholics). The pandit refused, for without losing caste the wearing of the yagnopavit is a religious necessity; in fact, it is necessary for life itself, as it is required in performance of the rites that precede eating or drinking. Upon his refusal to remove the thread, the British officials, it is alleged, forcibly took it from him."

"Ramakrishna explained that he could not eat or drink or perform his religious duties as an orthodox Brahman unless the thread was restored and he performed certain purification rites to wipe out the stigma loss of the thread had placed upon him. The officers, it is said, laughed at him and thrust him into the prison stockade."

"Ramakrishna refused food or drink for ninety days. His sufferings in that hell-hole—some of the hottest places in the world—must have been terrible, but he steadfastly refused to be a party to an act that would outcast him, and passed his conscious moments in prayer until death, in the ninety-first day, relieved his agony."

"There have been scores of instances in the last year of Indian patriots who have fasted for many weeks because of inhuman prison treatment, but the Ramakrishna case, it is believed, established a record that is no credit to the British government of India."

RADIO PROGRAM Schedule of Tonight's Wireless News and Entertainment.

NAA—Naval Radio Station, 2,650 Meters.

8:30 to 9 p. m.—Radio phone news.

9:30 p. m.—Time signals, weather reports, ship orders.

WXX—Postoffice Department, 7:30 to 8 p. m.—Radio market-grams.

SYN—Radio Institute, 6:20 to 7 p. m.—Spark transmission for amateurs.

KDKA—Westinghouse, Pittsburgh. (Daylight saving, deduct one hour.)

10 a. m.—Services of the Point Breeze Presbyterian Church.

1:45 p. m.—Children's Bible story—"Stumbling Blocks."

6:30 p. m.—Radio chapel at Westinghouse Station KDKA, conducted by the Rev. E. G. Forrester.

6:30 p. m.—Community open air services.

KYW—Westinghouse, Chicago. (Central daylight saving, deduct two hours.)

3 p. m.—Radio chapel services.

6:30 p. m.—Readings and records from "The Bubble Books That Sing."

7 p. m.—Special reading for older boys and girls.

7:30 p. m.—"Decorate With Light," Louise C. Reed, Society of Electric Development.

7:45 p. m.—"Old Wine in New Bottles."

9:20 p. m.—Opera recital.

WGI—Medford Hillside, Mass. (Daylight saving, deduct one hour.)

7:45 p. m.—Police reports.

8 p. m.—Radio church service.

8:30 p. m.—Song recital: "Two Roses," "Evening Song," "The Year at the Spring," "Dawn in the Desert," "May, the Maiden," "Phyllis Iles Schur Charming Graces," "Homing." Values. Concert by the brass quartet from the band of Boston.

KYW—Westinghouse, Chicago. 360 Meters.

(Central daylight saving, deduct two hours.)

3:30 p. m.—Radio chapel services conducted by the Rev. R. Keene Ryan, pastor of the Garfield Presbyterian Church.

BERLIN SEES AS THE REGNING 'CITY OF CAFES'

Reputation of "Mad" Paris and "Gay" Vienna Challenged by German Capital.

By KARL H. VON WIEGAND.

BERLIN, Aug. 26.—Berlin has all but replaced Vienna and Paris as the "city of cafes." The Berlin cafe has not been fairly treated by the writer of romance in the past. He has seldom deemed it a suitable place in which to allow his hero and heroine to lean breathlessly across the table, drinking deep of each other's eyes and thrilling to the wild strains of the orchestra.

It is invariably in "mad" Paris or in "gay" Vienna that such moving scenes are staged, the two cities whose deep reputation for cafe life in its fullest flower entitles them, we suppose, to this distinction. But, Berlin has an unending assortment of cafes, quite as suitable in which to set the most frivolous flirtation or the most serious love affair.

Fine Cafe "Settings."

There are, for instance, innumerable cafes lining the Kurfuerstendamm, where any dender of best sellers could safely trust his rich American heiress with her fond adoring parents, or his wealthy Japanese financier, or any of his characters whose purses are plentifully filled with the gold of the valet-rich countries.

The prices of the moka and cakes are exorbitant from the German point of view, but are in no danger of taxing the foreigner. The waiters, for the most part, speak a charming broken English and are assiduously attentive, with an ever hopeful eye on the foreigner's pocketbook.

These cafes frequently have orchestras which play with considerable charm and spirit.

Friendly and Warm.

More bourgeois cafes are numerous, where the eminently respectable middle class drinks its coffee, where the plump, brightly-clad German "hausfrau" meets with her friends for a bit of gossip and a cup of coffee, where the young students gather to read the daily local and foreign newspapers and magazines, which are quite beyond the reach of their pocketbooks and do their telephoning and letter writing between gulps of coffee.

The coffee and cakes are usually of a grade inferior to the Kurfuerstendamm palaces, but there is a certain warmth and friendliness that is lacking in the latter. Marie-topped cakes are used here instead of the dainty wooden ones of the cafes of the rich, and the waiters are quite content with the regular 10 per cent, which is always added to the bill. Over one cup of coffee one may carry hours with no fear of becoming "de trop."

FREE BICYCLE OFFER EXPIRES THURSDAY

Twenty-seven Happy Youngsters Given Times Rangers Yesterday.

The Washington Times offer of a \$55 Ranger bicycle free for securing subscriptions to this newspaper will expire at midnight next Thursday. This offer absolutely will not be extended and no subscriptions will be counted unless they are turned in before the time limit expires. Turn in what subscriptions you have Monday morning so that we can verify promptly and the balance on Thursday.

Twenty-seven bicycles were awarded yesterday to the following:

Joseph Curtis, Jr., 204 Fourteenth street, Frederickburg, Va.;

Linwood Sparshott, 19 Holly street, Clarendon, Va.;

Sanford Ross, 1324 Kenyon street northwest;

Joseph Hillary, 2 Fowler Hill, D. C.;

Francis Young, 1025 Main street, Frederickburg, Va.;

Clarence Dodge, Jr., 400 East Clifton Terrace;

Morton Ingalls, 912 Eighth street northwest;

Robert Stanner, 1101 South Carolina avenue southeast;

Ida Zukoff, 3211 Mt. Pleasant street;

Norman Pressler, 1620 Lamont street northwest;

John Ryan, 913 N street northwest;

Henry A. Cheshire, Jr., 218 North Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va.;

Curtis K. Scott, 3901 Chesapeake street;

Joseph Thomas, 1412 Duhan street northeast;

Herman Bailey, Arlington, Va.;

Robert Spelden, Seat Pleasant, Md.;

Walter L. Lucas, 1820 G street northwest;

Robert Barnes, 1305 Potomac avenue;

William Fyles, 2010 Fourteenth street southeast;

Samuel Thomas Powell, Jr., 417 Kentucky avenue southeast;

James Wesley Sampson, 411 B street southeast;

Fred Englihs, 38a Bates street northeast;

Morris Clarke, 248 Twelfth street northeast;

Loretta Mansfield, 33 New Berne Apartments;

Charles Marcum, The Woodward, No. 300, 2311 Connecticut avenue;

Frederick Steiner, 4901 Thirteenth street northeast;

Paul Steinkuller, Jr., 2331 Park Place southeast.

Runaway Leaves Wife \$3 and Lots of Kisses

BOYERTOWN, Pa., Aug. 26.—Three dollars and an automobile comprise the assets left to the wife and two children of Charles L. Miller, who left his home here last week. A letter from Miller said: from behind the hand of Boston. The letter said what debts were outstanding she could have what was left.

The letter closed with "lots of kisses."

Coincidentally with Miller's disappearance, parents of a sixteen-year-old schoolgirl reported that she was missing.

MEET MRS. TROTZKY



An interesting photograph of the wife of Leon Trotsky, Soviet leader, showing that the flapper style has reached the palace at Petrograd. The photo shows her in the palace garden with Georges Popoff, International News Service special correspondent.

PARIS FLOODED WITH FAKE MASTERPIECES

Police Hunting for Factory That Swindles Rich American Tourists.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—A mysterious hidden studio which is, in reality a veritable factory for turning out counterfeit masterpieces, is the object of search by prefecture detectives.

This factory is somewhere in the Latin quarter. There, starving artists, it is believed, are paid too tempting wages for copying the works of great painters, the originals of which would command huge prices. These copies are then sold at auctions either deliberately in place of the original, which may be in a private collection, or as a "newly discovered" work of the master. All of the counterfeits discovered so far have been signed with the painter's name, cleverly forged.

Thomas Knock, an American art connoisseur, was the first to put the police on the track of the swindlers. Knock recently paid \$300,000 francs for a collection of 107 pictures.

Out of this group of pictures an expert picked forty-three counterfeits. Among them were works by Cezanne, Pissarro, Matisse, Renoir, Sisley, Sautin and Signac. A celebrated art critic was another victim of the "factory."

Police plan, they say, to investigate every dealer and many of the studios on the left side of the Seine.

HUG, KISS AND \$1000 LAND MAN IN PRISON

Veteran, Accused of Stealing Car, Says "Reward" Was Given by Girl He Rescued.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—A hearty kiss, a surreptitious hug, \$1,000 in small bills—all from a beautiful lady rivaling the dream of poets.

And then the lady disappeared.

But if the lady doesn't appear Nicholas J. Hoffman, an ex-serviceman, may go to prison, possibly die, for he has already been in five Government hospitals.

Hoffman was arrested charged with having stolen an automobile. He says he bought the car with \$1,000 given to him by the aforementioned beautiful lady.

"On the night of July 20," says he, "I was at Ardmore Beach. Suddenly I heard a scream. It came from a beautiful young lady dressed in a one-piece bathing suit. As she went down for the third time I jumped in and rescued her."

She did not reveal her name, continues Hoffman, but asked him to meet her at the Edgewater Beach hotel, where she would reward him. This she did, giving him \$1,000, the kiss and the hug.

Now as the French say: Find the woman.

Murderous Bath Swan Is Terror to Animals

LONDON, Aug. 26.—The murderous swan of bath recently added a dog to the list of its victims.

The swan attacked the dog at the verge of the River Avon. It seized the neck in its bill and held the dog's head under the water until he was drowned. The bird, which is a terror to all animals, gave a duck the same sort of treatment a few days ago, but passersby saved its life.

MARRIED ON BRIDGE

LYNCHBURG, Va., Aug. 26.—Because of a desire to be married over running water a wedding took place here on the Sixth street bridge, over Blackwater creek, when Miss Signora Taylor became the bride of William H. Branch.

INJURIES FATAL TO JUDGE O'CONNELL

Former Solicitor of Treasury Department Dies Last Night, Aged 82.

As the result of injuries sustained when he was run down by a street car at Vermont avenue and H street northwest, August 22 last, Judge Maurice D. O'Connell, former solicitor for the Treasury Department, died last night at Emergency Hospital.

Judge O'Connell, who was eighty-two years old, was taken to Emergency Hospital following the accident, where his skull was found to have been fractured. Because of his advanced age it was impossible to move him from the hospital, though it was thought he had a good chance for recovery. His death followed a relapse which began several days ago. The coroner will conduct an autopsy to determine the cause of death tomorrow morning.

Judge O'Connell was born at Constable, Franklin county, N. Y., April 23, 1839, and came to Washington to complete his education. The receiving his LL.B. degree from Columbian, now George Washington University, in 1866.

His appointment as chief of division in the office of the comptroller of the currency was made a year later. After a year in the government service he went to San Antonio, Tex., where he entered the banking business.

Entering the practice of law in Fort Dodge, Iowa, in 1869, he won the post of district attorney of the Eleventh Judicial District in 1872, serving in this capacity for seven years. He served as United States Attorney for the northern district of Iowa from 1883 to 1885 and from 1889 to 1892.

His appointment as solicitor of the Treasury was made in 1897 and he served continuously at that post until 1905, when he retired, making his home here.

The body will be taken to Fort Dodge, Ia., tomorrow. Judge O'Connell is survived by his widow, who was Ellen P. Cook, of Marshall, Mich., and a daughter, Mrs. Henry M. Morrow, wife of Colonel Morrow, U. S. A., of this city.

Colored Woman Hit By Fast B. & O. Train

Bessie Lomax, colored, fifty-five years old, was probably fatally injured late yesterday afternoon when she was struck by a train while walking along the Baltimore and Ohio railroad tracks, about 800 feet north of Michigan avenue northeast.

The woman was given first aid by Dr. Gray, of 542 Newton street northeast, and was removed to the Tenth precinct hospital, to be sure of a constant supply of water sufficient for its needs, and the expenses for operation are considerably less than under the old plan. Tests made by the State Board of Health show that the new plant is entirely satisfactory.

Rocky Mount is probably the first town of anything like its size in Virginia to undertake this kind of development. Fewer than 1,000 people live there.

Dry Agents in Drive on Bethlehem Bootleggers

Prohibition Director Davis, of Pennsylvania, continuing his drive on illicit booze, reported a successful attack yesterday upon bootleggers and illicit distilleries of Bethlehem, Pa.

Davis said a roundup was made of suspects conducting taverns and restaurants for Volstead law violations. Other Pennsylvania cities will be invaded by Davis and his dry squad next week, it was announced.

General prohibition agents from several States are assisting Director Davis. He is also aided by twenty special agents detailed from the staff of John Enclous, division chief at Pittsburgh.

ARREST OF WAR NURSE REVEALS STRANGE STORY

Two Marriages, Drugs and Elderly Protector Figure in Life of Mrs. Rockwell.

By Cosmopolitan News Service.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—A tale of war, marriage, and forbidden love, shot through with ravages of dope in the career of Maribella Howard Rockwell Schaeffer, arrested here by Federal narcotic agents, was told today by a woman who has been closely related to Mrs. Rockwell.

"I was called in to nurse Mrs. Rockwell," said this woman. "I have always known her. She had taken an overdose of dope and had become unmanageable. I was then living in the Roseland Hotel. Little by little she told me the story of her life."

"She was born somewhere in Virginia of an aristocratic family, but financially in poor circumstances. She received a high school education and was a registered nurse. When we entered the war she went across. As to where she served, I do not know. I do know this—that while in England she met a wealthy woolen manufacturer, and despite the disparity in their ages, for he was over sixty, she married him."

"But her husband, as old husbands are prone to be, was extremely jealous. His own son, a twenty-one-year-old boy, whom the young American wife of his father and called her 'little baby,' the husband finally decided to make a settlement on his bride and send her away from temptation."

"She came to America. Here she again came in contact with an elderly man she had known in her childhood. "If I remember rightly, she told me that she returned to America in 1915. From then on she lived with the elderly man, who had given her everything in the world. For a time they lived together in New Orleans, and then they came to Chicago."

"Mrs. Rockwell, as she was known here, although in New Orleans she was known by this man's name, had a wonderful home at 4461 Drexel boulevard. She had her own car, her own maid, and an unlimited allowance."

"Evidently during some strange condition she married Nicholas B. Schaeffer, an army field clerk. They were married January 11, 1922."

"But this elderly 'protector' continued to call at her apartment and her husband knew him as her uncle."

WASHINGTON JEWS PLAN CELEBRATION

Palestine Mandate Granted by League of Nations to Be Extolled.

Washington Jews are making elaborate preparations for the celebration Tuesday at Central High School of the granting by the league of nations of the Palestine mandate in which is set forth the guarantee asked on behalf of the Jewish people by the Zionist organization at the peace conference. The historical country will be restored to the Jewish people after a struggle of 2,000 years. During that time the race has been without a government or a flag.

An automobile parade will be one of the principal features of the grant. Each car will be decked with the American and Zionist flags. The parade will form at Peace monument at 6:30 p. m. and will proceed to the school, where the mass meeting will begin at 8 o'clock. Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt and Baruch Zuckerman will be the principal speakers. Congressman Albert B. Rosedale will preside. Judge Rosenblatt, recently returned from a special mission to Palestine, will tell of his experiences while abroad with the Zionist cause. Each car will be decked with the American and Zionist flags. The parade will form at Peace monument at 6:30 p. m. and will proceed to the school, where the mass meeting will begin at 8 o'clock. Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt and Baruch Zuckerman will be the principal speakers. Congressman Albert B. Rosedale will preside. Judge Rosenblatt, recently returned from a special mission to Palestine, will tell of his experiences while abroad with the Zionist cause.

Violin solos will be given by Daniel Breeskin and Leon Brusiloff. Piano accompaniments will be by Conductor Heitmueller. Of the vocal soloists will be given by Cantor J. Glushak, formerly of this city.

At the head of the automobile parade will be an army band of twenty pieces. It has been specially detailed by the War Department.

Rocky Mount is Proud of New Water System

ROCKY MOUNT, Va., Aug. 26.—This town is taking justifiable pride in its new water plant. Just six years ago, Rocky Mount consisted of a few shacks and a sawmill, taking its water from drilled wells.

Acting on the recommendation of the engineering division of the State Board of Health, Rocky Mount engaged an engineer to design a filtration plant suitable for the requirements of a town of its size, the water to be taken from the nearby river and purified. The new plant is modern in every respect.

There are two distinct advantages in this system: the town may be sure of a constant supply of water sufficient for its needs, and the expenses for operation are considerably less than under the old plan. Tests made by the State Board of Health show that the new plant is entirely satisfactory.

Ammonia Tank Leaks; Sets Aquarium Wild

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—The ammonia tank in the famous aquarium at the Battery sprung a leak a few days ago, and a plot to kill, maim, or otherwise imperil the choice specimens of the finny tribe was suspected. Firemen donned gas masks in an effort to stop the spread of the ammonia fumes. Police waved their clubs wildly, and looked in vain for some one to arrest.

In the meantime the fish poked noses from the water, and seemed to enjoy the tear gas as they would a piece of candy. The sea lions, turtles and alligators alone suffered, and when the leak was finally stopped they played dead. They were revived by plumbers.

Virginian Shot to Death From Ambush in W. Va.

FARMVILLE, Va., Aug. 26.—The body of Walter Smith, twenty-three, who was mysteriously slain on Friday near De Von, W. Va., was buried here. He was the son of George T. Smith, of M. Smith, of Cumberland county.

He was employed as private secretary to the president of the Ritter Lumber Company, of De Von. Young Smith, with a friend, H. B. Price, also of De Von, had gone to a station some five miles away to transact some business, and, having completed their mission, they proceeded up the track of the Big Sandy and Cumberland railroad, and, when within a few yards of De Von, two shots were fired from ambush, one shot taking effect in young Smith's back. His death was instantaneous.

History of Cleopatra Is Depicted on Gown

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—The life of Cleopatra, Egyptians in character and scenes of wild nights on the streets of Baghdad, are depicted on a gown belonging to Mrs. G. B. Williamson, who returned a few days ago.

Mrs. Williamson, who lives in Forest Hills, L. I., said she invented, or created, the latest thing in women's gowns and predicted that that time history will be written on the skirts of fashionably dressed women.

Wild Western Films Barred By Java Censor

WILD and wooly "Western" films are barred from the theaters of Java because the Netherlands government fears that they may communicate the spirit of unrestfulness to the Javanese.

Consul Parker, at Soerabaya, reported yesterday that American films, such as the natives are permitted to view, are much more popular than the European brand. In the 250 theaters the natives sit on one side of a dividing curtain and foreigners on the other. About 35 per cent of the pictures imported into the Netherlands East Indies are either refused or cut by the censors.

JAP SAGHALIEN MOVE CALLED MERE RUSE

Withdrawal of 1,000 Troops Is Believed Only Part of Plan to Cut Expenses.

By JAMES MCCLAIN, International News Service.

TOKYO, Aug. 26.—Although the decision of the Kato Cabinet to withdraw all Japanese troops from Saghalien province, the district in which is situated Nikolaisk, which has been held, it was said, until Russia atoned for the massacre of 700 Japanese there during the revolution, marks a reversal in the policy of Japan, in reality this reversal is slight and amounts to little. It is little more than a tactical change in the position of Japanese expeditionary forces in Saghalien. It falls far short of the anticipations of the world, which is looking to Japan for a new and enlightened regime.

The territory to be returned to Russia by this decision of the Japanese Government gives back the fertile valley abounding in undeveloped resources at the mouth of the Amur River and the river itself, which is the outlet for North-eastern Siberia. But regardless of this, Japanese domination of this district will continue for the present at least, for the evacuation order will not affect the northern half of Saghalien Island, territory seized at the same time the Nikolaisk district was seized and which is the real prize coveted by Japan. It is covered not only by several of the island's best coal and oil, which are much needed by Japan, but also because it is so situated that it controls the Amur River as Gibraltar controls the entrance to the Mediterranean.